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Sorry Kerri I left you off of this email where the Port paper is linked. Late night work!

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From: Daly, Carl
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I combined Laura's and Crystal/Mike's points together in a Word document. I added a talking points/key messages section where I pasted in what I thought were some key messages from the info that was provided.

[Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment talking points.docx](#)

Mark, your team can add any EJ key messages to this section and also add any EJ related background regarding the UT inland port.

Dr. Moench's email to EPA is pasted below.

Deb was looking for this by COB tomorrow, thanks.

Carl Daly
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Feb. 5, 2021

Dear Ms. Thomas, Mr. Garbow, and Mr. Utech:

Leading Utah state and regional environmental groups are very concerned about serious plans being made by the Utah legislature to subsidize and otherwise facilitate the development of an inland port, i.e. a massive warehouse farm and intermodal shipping and transportation hub a few miles northwest of the center of Salt Lake City. The legislature has proceeded in defiance of environmental, wildlife, and public health concerns for the population centers of the state, especially for the 270,000 people that live close enough to the proposed port to be severely affected by the new sources of air pollution. The anticipated public health harm is easily predicted by the saga of other inland port developments, like the Inland Empire in Riverside/San Bernardino, So. California, that has been infamously nick named, The Diesel Death Zone by many residents in the area. Polls show that the majority of Salt Lake Valley residents oppose the port.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Salt Lake Valley has been in non-attainment status for the 24 hr. PM2.5 standard for many years, although the EPA under the previous administration proposed changing that status

using inappropriate criteria in our view. At full build out, this facility would create a massive new source of pollution from nearly 70,000 daily diesel semi-trucks, and 150,000 passenger vehicle trips, dozens of new fully loaded commodity train trips, new large train “switcher” diesel engines, a new rail yard, diesel-powered cranes and increased air traffic. The size of the warehouse farm would be comparable to what now exists at the Inland Empire.

As a multi-faceted, new source of pollution, this facility would undermine, if not shatter our attainment status, especially for nearby residents, and represent an environmental justice issue of an unprecedented magnitude in Utah. But it has not been factored into the state’s implementation plan (SIP).

We are aware that the state is attempting to justify NAAQS attainment status using Section 179B of the CAA, negating emissions emanating from outside the US. That in itself strikes a blow at public health in Utah. Yet now the state is trying to make it even worse trying to write off or ignore the multiple new sources of pollution from their port proposal which they have proclaimed the largest economic project in the history of the state.

The port is also intended to facilitate a substantial increase in fossil fuel extraction from the state, something that clearly would be contrary to the climate goals of the new administration.

On behalf of multiple environmental NGOs and community groups, we request an opportunity to explain to you more details of our many objections to this proposal. Given that the state is moving quickly with supporting legislation right now, we hope such a virtual meeting could take place as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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